

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Monday, October 1, 2018 at 2:00 pm
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 280

Committee Members: Tariq Bokhari, Co-Chair
Larken Egleston, Co-Chair
James Mitchell
Greg Phipps
Mayor Lyles

Staff Resources: Jason Kay
Dana Fenton

AGENDA				
No.	Item	Co-Chair	Time	
I.	Welcome & Call to Order		2 minutes	
II.	Slumlord Legislation		10 minutes	
	• Councilmember Winston			
III.	State & Federal Legislative Requests for Housing & Neighborhood Services		25 minutes	
	• Housing & Neighborhood Services			
IV.	Committee Discussion		10 minutes	
V.	Upcoming Opportunities		2 minutes	
	• Extra Session of the North Carolina General Assembly , October 2, 10 am, Legislative Building, Raleigh			
	• Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Policy Lunch with Dan McCready , October 2, 12 noon, Charlotte Chamber			
	• Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Policy Lunch with Mark Harris , October 11, 12 noon, Charlotte Chamber			
	• Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Candidate Reception , October 11, 4:45 pm, SMS Catering, 1764 Norland Road, Charlotte			
VI.	Upcoming Committee Meetings		1 minute	
	• October 15, 2:00 pm, Room 280			
	• November 19, 2:00 pm, Room 280			
	• December 17, 2:00 pm, Room 280			

Items	Intergovernmental Relations Committee		Council Meeting	
	Discussion / Information	Adoption / Recommendation	Strategy Session / Action Review	Business Meeting
Hear State legislative requests	October 1 October 15	--	--	--
Propose 2019 State Legislative Agenda to City Council	--	November 19	November 26	December 10
Hear Federal legislative requests	October 1 October 15	--	--	--
Propose 2019 Federal Legislative Agenda to City Council	--	November 19	November 26	December 10
Implementation Strategies of the State & Federal Legislative Agendas	December 17	--	--	--

City of Charlotte 2018-2019 Legislative Calendar

Date	Event
September 19	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, Room 280
September 24	Action Review: Federal Update
October 1	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, Room 280
October 15	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, Room 280
November 6	2018 General Election
November 7 – 10	NLC City Summit (Los Angeles, CA)
November 15 – 16	NC Metropolitan Mayors Coalition meeting (Asheville)
November 19	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, Room 280
November 26	Action Review: Present Committee recommended 2019 legislative agendas
November 27	NC General Assembly reconvenes
November 29	NC League of Municipalities Advocacy Goals Conference (Raleigh)
December 10	City Council consideration of Committee proposed 2019 legislative agendas
December 17	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, Room 280
January TBD	Legislative Briefing for the Mecklenburg State Delegation
January 3	US Congress convenes
January 9	NCGA convenes one-day 2019 Organizational Session
January 22	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, Room 280
January 23 – 25	US Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting (Washington, DC)
January 30	NCGA reconvenes
February 18	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, Room 280
March 10 – 13	NLC Congressional City Conference & briefing for Congressional Delegation (Washington, DC)
March 18	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, Room 280
March / April TBD	NC League of Municipalities Town Hall Day (Raleigh)
April 15	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, Room 280
May 20	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, Room 280
June 17	Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, 2:00 pm, Room 280
June 28 – July 1	US Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting (Honolulu)



State & Federal Legislative Requests for Housing & Neighborhood Services

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

October 1, 2018



Overview

- This is the first of two presentations of State & Federal legislative requests from City departments
- Six legislative requests have been developed related to Affordable Housing and Food Security



Requests

- Aging-in-Place (State)
- Financial Assistance to Remain in Own Housing (State)
- Housing Assistance to Senior Citizens (State)
- 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Federal)
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (Federal)
- Food Security (Federal)



Aging-in-Place (State)

- Proposal: Adjust the maximum income thresholds for property owners to qualify for property tax relief programs
- Summary:
 - Maximum income threshold of low-income homestead exclusion is \$29,500 and \$44,250 for the property tax deferral program (circuit breaker)
 - Thresholds adjusted annually in same manner cost-of-living adjustments are made to social security benefits
 - Mecklenburg County supports study to determine the proper level of thresholds



Financial Assistance to Remain in Own Housing (State)

- Proposal: Expand definition of “housing project” to enable cities to provide financial assistance for persons to “remain in their own housing”
- Summary:
 - Currently, cities are able to provide financial assistance so persons may “become owners of their own housing” or “rehabilitate their own housing”
 - Expanding financial assistance for persons to “remain in their own housing” would allow cities to provide a greater variety of assistance to renters and homeowners



Housing Assistance to Senior Citizens (State)

- Proposal: Clarify that cities and counties may provide “housing” assistance to senior citizens
- Summary:
 - Current law authorizes cities and counties to provide programs for care and assistance of senior citizens and lists a variety of examples of such care and assistance
 - Adding “housing” to the list of examples would clarify the intent of the General Assembly



4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (Federal)

- Proposal: Support reauthorization of the 4% low income housing tax credit
- Summary:
 - Proposal is the subject of Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act (H.R. 1661 – Curbelo / S. 548 – Cantwell), which aims to reauthorize the 4% low-income housing tax credit on a permanent basis
 - City will continue to monitor this legislation



Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (Federal)

- Proposal: Increase the allocation of low-income housing tax credits
- Summary:
 - Federal “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act”, which passed in December, 2017, lowered the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%, reducing the value of low-income housing tax credits to corporate investors
 - Proposal is the subject of H.R. 6542, Restoring Tax Credits for Affordable Housing Act (Clyburn – SC), which aims to provide additional funding to offset the impact of this reduction
 - City will continue to monitor this legislation



Food Security (Federal)

- Proposal: Secure grant funding for the Charlotte Market Manager's Association
- Summary:
 - Recently completed Farmers' Market Study recommended the creation of a Market Manager's Association to market regional produce, represent market managers' perspectives in regulatory issues, and better support the utilization of federal SNAP benefits



Next Steps

- Staff will present the remaining legislative requests at the October 15 meeting
- If Committee desires additional information on the requests presented today, then we will work to provide that information by the next meeting